

**MINUTES  
of the  
FIRST MEETING  
of the  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**June 10, 2005  
Room 311, State Capitol**

The first meeting of the Los Alamos National Laboratory Oversight Committee for the 2005 interim was called to order by Senator Phil A. Griego, co-chair, at 10:40 a.m. in Room 311 of the State Capitol.

**Present**

Rep. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales, Co-Chair  
Sen. Phil A. Griego, Co-Chair  
Sen. John T.L. Grubestic  
Sen. Richard C. Martinez  
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella  
Rep. Nick L. Salazar  
Sen. William E. Sharer

**Absent**

Rep. Thomas A. Anderson  
Sen. William H. Payne  
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert

**Advisory Members**

Sen. Ben D. Altamirano  
Rep. Ben Lujan  
Rep. Jeannette O. Wallace

Sen. Mary Jane M. Garcia  
Sen. Stuart Ingle

**Staff**

Tim Crawford  
Ramona Schmidt

Senator Griego welcomed all to the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Oversight Committee meeting and asked the committee members to introduce themselves to the audience.

The committee reviewed the proposed dates for upcoming meetings. Staff informed committee members that a joint meeting has been scheduled with the Information Technology Oversight Committee for August 25. After further discussion and due to numerous conflicts by committee members with other meetings, the August 25 joint meeting was rescheduled to August 24 to be held in Los Alamos.

Senator Griego asked for discussion of proposed interim agenda items and noted that agendas are always subject to change. Requests for additional items will be referred to committee staff to add to future agendas. Senator Griego said that Brian Condit from the governor's office may have issues that need to be addressed at a future meeting and asked committee staff to contact Mr. Condit. The staff was also instructed to speak with staff from the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee to review topics or issues that would need to be

presented to both committees and determine if a joint meeting between the two committees would be useful. During discussion about the feasibility of combining the two committees, Speaker Lujan noted that the missions and goals of the two committees differ enough to preserve both as separate committees.

Suggested agenda items for the July 20 meeting include:

- a report by the acting director of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL);
- a presentation from representatives of the Department of Energy and the University of California;
- an update on the proposed new contract for management of LANL; and
- an update on computer security issues by Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration officials.

Senator Griego asked that California Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny be informed of future committee meetings.

Committee members requested an update on the educational component at the September 20 meeting scheduled to be held in Los Alamos.

Committee members reviewed the time line for the RFP for the new LANL management contract. Representative Rodella stated the current contract expires September 30. There has been discussion of extending the existing contract to allow an overlap between the University of California and the new contractor, with the new contractor taking over in June or July 2006. Representative Rodella said a concern of employees is the effect of possible changes in benefits pursuant to the new contract and the impact it may have on LANL staff who are close to retirement. Representative Rodella suggested a potential agenda topic may be the impact on state and local gross receipts tax revenues resulting from the new contract.

A member of the audience, Larry Hales, introduced himself as a consultant from Washington, D.C. He suggested it may be beneficial for the committee to meet with the bidders on the contract and express its concerns. A discussion occurred as to holding an additional committee meeting in October to have representatives of the bidders make presentations to the committee.

Senator Griego stated he would like representatives from the New Mexico congressional delegation to be present at the LANL Oversight Committee meeting when representatives of the Department of Energy and the University of California make presentations.

There was discussion as to the impact of the new contract on the LANL Foundation, particularly on scholarships and social programs funded by the foundation.

Senator Griego noted the committee is looking at a full agenda. He suggested it may be desirable to schedule a January committee meeting with the winning contractor in order to obtain any additional information that would be needed in regard to legislative recommendations by the committee. It was noted that interim committees are expected to have their final meetings prior to December and special permission from the Legislative Council would be required for a

January meeting. Speaker Lujan said he saw no problem with holding an additional meeting in October, as discussed previously, and any information needed for legislative action should be available at that time. He suggested that when the work plan is presented to the Legislative Council, it contain a caveat that an extra day for an additional meeting may be needed. Senator Griego stated he will leave it up to the committee membership to decide if an additional January meeting is needed.

Representative Salazar suggested that the Department of Energy should be asked for information as to the changes being made to the contract and what will occur after the current contract expires. Senator Sharer suggested that a letter be drafted from the committee stating its support of Representative Udall and his concerns.

It was suggested that public comment be added as an agenda item at the August 24 meeting and that environmental cleanup at Los Alamos should be included as an agenda item at a future meeting.

The committee agreed to the following meeting schedule: July 20 in Santa Fe; August 24 in Los Alamos; September 20 in Los Alamos; and November 4 in Espanola.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.